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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

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My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed

in patent number 6,263,939 B1, granted 07/24/01, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM, AND METHOD

AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on 11/05/02 as reissue application under U.S. Express Mail No. EF297164190 and was amended on 11/05/02 with a Preliminary Amendment Filed with the Reissue Application. (If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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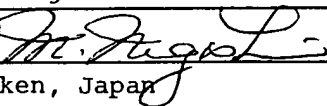
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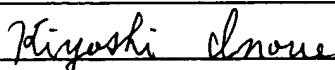
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This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
Name of Patentee(s) Miyamoto et al.		
Patent Number 6,263,939 B1	Date Patent Issued July 24, 2001	
Title of Invention OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING THE SAME		
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